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SUBJ: GUIDANCE ON VISIT OF SECRETARY SHULTZ

FOR EUR ARMITAGE FROM CHARGE

1. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED BY JAPANESE COLLEAGUES FOR BRIEFING ON SECRETARY SHULTZ' MEETINGS WITH BREZHNEV AND OTHER HIGH- LEVEL OFFICIALS IN VIEW OF THE DETAILED INFORMATION PASSED TO US BOTH HERE AND IN TOKYO ON PRIMIN TANAKA'S LETTER AND AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE BEEN STALLING INQUIRIES FROM THE JAPANESE AS WELL AS OUR NATO ALLIES BUT PRESSURE TO SAY SOMETHING WILL OBVIOUSLY INCREASE WITH RETURN OF ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BOWDEN, WHO WAS ASKED TO ACCOMPANY SHULTZ PARTY ABOARD AIRCRAFT TO BONN SO THAT HE COULD TRANSCRIBE NOTES ON BREZHNEV- SHULTZ MEETING.

2. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE IN OUR INTEREST TO FIND SOME MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN KEY ASPECTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND GIVING OUR CLOSEST ALLIES THE IMPRESSION OF OPEN CONSULTATION. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION MUST APPEAR AT LEAST TO BE A TWO- WAY STREET IF WE ARE TO ENCOURAGE OUR ALLIES TO CONTINUE TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH US AND TEMPER THEIR EVIDENT CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL GREAT- POWER DEALS AT THEIR EXPENSE.

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3. APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP GUIDANCE ON WHAT, IF ANYTHING,
WE -- AND I ASSUME US MISSION NATO -- MAY TELL OUR DIPLOMATIC
COLLEAGUES CONCERNING THE VISIT, ESPECIALLY THE MEETING WITH
BREZHNEV.
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